

**BOONE, CHARLES HENRY
(1870-1953)
PAPERS
ca. 1900-1952**

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INTRODUCTION

This collection is centered around Charles Henry Boone, a resident of Franklin, Van Wert, and Madison Counties, Ohio, who lived at various times in Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, etc., in his capacity as pastor, officer, and teacher for the African. Methodist Episcopal Church. The donor of the collection is unknown. The collection occupies 5.46 linear feet of shelf space, and numbers approximately 3,900 items.

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Charles Henry Boone Papers, containing approximately 3,900 items, cover the years ca. 1900-1952. The collection is composed of accounts, bulletins and programs, booklets, brochures and catalogs, writings and/or sermons, newspapers, and some correspondence, dealing primarily with the African Methodist Episcopal Church (A. M. E.) for which Boone served as minister, teacher, and officer for almost fifty years.

Much of the writing in the collection was created by Boone. He wrote some twenty-two letters dealing with such subjects as A. M. E. Church business, family news and fair employment. Other writings of Boone include notes, outlines and complete sermons which he gave during his years as pastor of several A. M. E. churches.

Most of the correspondence was written to Boone and dealt with such subjects as money difficulties and internal problems within the A. M. E. Church, attendance at Conference meetings, election to a particular office within the Church, the Wayman Institute, Church and private property paying debts, and family news.

The bulletins and programs in the collection include District Conference Programs; Tennessee Annual Conference A. M. E. Church Programs, 1926 and 1940-1941; the Fourteenth Episcopal District (Kentucky and Tennessee); Programs for the years 1924-1926 and 1928; Church Programs for Payne A. M. E. Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado, 1912-1913; Woman's Missionary Society and Sunday School Conference Programs; and a couple of funeral service programs.

Newspapers which espoused views of A. M. E. Church activities include *The A. M. E. Grub-Ax*, the official publication of the 13th Episcopal District of Kentucky and Tennessee, for the months of November and December, 1948, and some issues of *The Christian Recorder* for the years 1904, 1919-1920, 1925-1926, and 1948-1952. There is also one issue each of the *Wisconsin Weekly Blade*, 1917, and the *Arkansas World*, 1948. Some of these newspapers will be placed on microfilm for easy accessibility to researchers.

Other material directly relating to A. M. E. Church work includes accounts, the Woman's Missionary Society in which Mrs. Willie Boone played an active role, notebooks and reports, and booklets and brochures which have been brought out in greater detail in the Container List, located elsewhere in this Register.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Charles Henry Boone

Parents, William Randolph (1829-) and Elizabeth Boone (1835-) were from North Carolina

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| 1854 | Parents married and moved to Franklin County, Ohio |
| 1870, Feb. 28 | Charles Henry Boone, the tenth of fourteen children, was born |
| 1873 | Family moved to Van Wert County, Ohio |
| 1877 | Moved to Madison County near West Jefferson, Ohio |
| 1885 | At a revival conducted by Reverend Alfred March, Boone became a Christian in the African Methodist Episcopal Church |
| 1891 | Entered Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio |
| 1896 | Graduated with a BS degree from Wilberforce University |
| 1898 | Graduated with a BA degree from Wilberforce University |
| March 23 | Received license to preach in Greenfield, Ohio. First charge was at Martin's Ferry, Ohio |
| 1900, June 14 | Received BD degree from Payne Theological Seminary at Wilberforce University. Pastored church at Georgetown, Kentucky, and passed examination, became teacher. Taught school |
| 1902, Aug. 26 | Married Willie Nichols |
| ca. 1903-1906 | President of Turner Institute, Shelbyville, Tennessee |
| 1905, Aug. 26 | Became pastor of St. Paul's Church, Nashville, Tennessee |
| 1912-1913 | Pastored Payne A. M. E. Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado |
| 1914, Oct. | President of Wayman College, Harrodsburg, Kentucky |
| 1919, Oct. | Became pastor of St. Paul's Church, Columbia, Tennessee |
| 1920, Oct. | Became pastor of Woodfork Chapel, Shelbyville, Tennessee |
| 1930-ca. 1947 | Presiding elder of South Nashville District for the Tennessee Conference, African Methodist Episcopal Church |
| 1931, Nov. | Became pastor of St. Paul's Church, Nashville, Tennessee |
| 1933, Nov. | Became pastor of St. Peter's Church, Clarksville, Tennessee |
| 1944, May | Elected as Ministerial Delegate to represent Tennessee at the 32nd General Conference of A. M. E. held at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania |
| 1948, May | Elected as Ministerial Delegate to represent Tennessee at the 33rd General Conference of A. M. E. held at Kansas City, Kansas |
| Nov. | Became pastor at Salem Church (address not given) |
| 1953, Dec. 17 | Boone died at his home in Nashville, Tennessee |

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Ambition and Tenacity of Purpose, 1895
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